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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FOR THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Notice of Workshop and Request for Comments regarding review and rulemaking to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 631 pertaining to the amount of continuing education credit a dentist or dental hygienist may complete through on-line, self, journal, CD and/or DVD studies. The workshop will include discussion and comment regarding proposed rulemaking to amend NAC 631.173 and NAC 631.175.

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners will hold a public workshop and request for comment session on **Friday March 1, 2013** at 1:30 pm at the office of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, Suite A-1, Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 and by video conference to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada 89502. The purpose of the workshop is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding continuing education courses related to on-line, self, journal, CD and/ or DVD studies and amending the amount of credit a dentist or dental hygienist may complete. The workshop will include discussion and comment regarding proposed rulemaking to amend NAC 631.173 and NAC 631.175.

Persons wishing to comment and participate in the workshop of the **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS** may appear at the scheduled workshop or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form to: **Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, A-1, Las Vegas, Nevada 89118, Attn: Debra Shaffer, Interim Executive Director; FAX number (702) 486-7046; e-mail address nsbde@nsbde.nv.gov.** In order for written submissions to be made available to members and the public, they must be received by the **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS on or before February 25, 2013.**

A copy of this notice will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice will be available at the office of the **Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd. A-1, Las Vegas, Nevada 89118;** and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice is also available on the Board website at: www.nvdentalboard.nv.gov.

This notice has been posted at the following locations:

Clark County District Health Department, 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Elko County Courthouse, Room 106, Elko, Nevada.
Washoe County Courthouse, 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada.
Office of the N.S.B.D.E., 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd A-1, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Carson City Library, 900 N. Roop St., Carson City, Nevada.
Churchill County Library, 553 S. Main St., Fallon, Nevada.
Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd, North, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Douglas County Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, Nevada.
Elko County Library, 720 Court St., Elko, Nevada.
Goldfield Public Library, Fourth & Crook St., Goldfield, Nevada.
Eureka Branch Library, 10190 Monroe St., Eureka, Nevada.
Humboldt County Library, 85 East 5th St., Winnemucca, Nevada.
Battle Mountain Branch Library, 625 Broad St., Battle Mountain, Nevada.
Lincoln County Library, 93 Main Street, Pioche, Nevada .
Lyon County Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, Nevada .
Mineral County Library, First & A Street, Hawthorne, Nevada.
Tonopah Public Library, 171 Central St., Tonopah, Nevada.
Pershing County Library, 1125 Central Ave., Lovelock, Nevada.
Storey County Library, 95 South R. St., Virginia City, Nevada.
Washoe County Library, 301 S. Center St., Reno, Nevada.
White Pine County Library, 950 Campton St., Ely, Nevada.
Las Vegas Office of the State Attorney General, 555 E. Washington Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada
Carson City Office of the State Attorney General, 100 N. Carson St., Carson City, Nevada

NAC 631.173 Continuing education: Required hours; types of courses and activities; approval of provider or instructor. (NRS 631.190, 631.342)

1. Each dentist licensed to practice in this State must annually complete at least 20 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education or biennially complete at least 40 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in NRS 631.330 for the type of license held by the dentist. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.
 2. Each dental hygienist licensed to practice in this State must annually complete at least 15 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education or biennially complete at least 30 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in NRS 631.330 for the type of license held by the dental hygienist. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.
 3. In addition to the hours of instruction prescribed in subsections 1 and 2, each dentist and dental hygienist must maintain current certification in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or another medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life. Any course taken pursuant to this subsection must be taught by a certified instructor.
 4. Any provider of or instructor for a course in continuing education relating to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene which meets the requirements of this section must be approved by the Board, unless the course is for training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or is approved by:
 - (a) The American Dental Association or the societies which are a part of it;
 - (b) The American Dental Hygienists' Association or the societies which are a part of it;
 - (c) The Academy of General Dentistry;
 - (d) Any nationally recognized association of dental or medical specialists;
 - (e) Any university, college or community college, whether located in or out of Nevada; or
 - (f) Any hospital accredited by The Joint Commission.
 5. To be approved as a provider of a course in continuing education, the instructor of the course must complete a form provided by the Board and submit it to the Board for review by a committee appointed by the Board not later than 45 days before the beginning date of the course. Upon receipt of the form, the committee shall, within 10 days after receiving the form, approve or disapprove the application and inform the applicant of its decision.
 6. Study by group may be approved for continuing education if the organizer of the group complies with the requirements of subsection 5 and furnishes the Board with a complete list of all members of the group, a synopsis of the subject to be studied, the time, place and duration of the meetings of the group, and the method by which attendance is recorded and authenticated.
 7. Credit may be allowed for attendance at a meeting or a convention of a dental and dental hygiene society.
 8. Credit may be allowed for courses completed at home which are taught through correspondence or videocassettes. *No more than fifty (50%) of the required continuing education credit as set forth in subsection 1 and 2 may be completed by a dentist or dental hygienist through home study, on-line, self study, journal study which are taught through correspondence, webinar, CD or DVD.*
 9. Credit may be allowed for dental and dental hygiene services provided on a voluntary basis to nonprofit agencies and organizations approved by the Board.
- (Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, eff. 9-16-85; A 12-15-87; 9-6-96; R231-03, 5-25-2004; R063-05, 12-29-2005; R159-08, 4-23-2009)

NAC 631.175 Continuing education: Approved subjects; minimum requirements for clinical subjects; maximum credit for certain types of courses and activities. (NRS 631.190, 631.342)

1. Approved subjects for continuing education in dentistry and dental hygiene are:

(a) Clinical subjects, including, without limitation:

(1) Dental and medical health;

(2) Preventive services;

(3) Dental diagnosis and treatment planning; and

(4) Dental clinical procedures, including corrective and restorative oral health procedures and basic dental sciences, dental research and new concepts in dentistry; and

(b) Nonclinical subjects, including, without limitation:

(1) Dental practice organization and management;

(2) Patient management skills;

(3) Methods of health care delivery; and

(4) Teaching methodology.

2. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to NAC 631.173, a dentist must annually complete at least 15 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1 or biennially complete at least 30 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in NRS 631.330 for the type of license held by the dentist.

3. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to NAC 631.173, a dental hygienist must annually complete at least 12 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1 or biennially complete at least 24 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in NRS 631.330 for the type of license held by the dental hygienist.

4. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to NAC 631.173, a dentist or dental hygienist must annually complete at least 2 hours in the clinical subject of infection control in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 or biennially complete at least 4 hours in the clinical subject of infection control in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in NRS 631.330 for the type of license held by the dentist or dental hygienist.

5. The Board will credit, as a maximum in any one year of an annual or biennial licensing period, the following number of hours of instruction for the following types of courses or activities: *The Board will credit, as a maximum in each year of a licensing period, the following number of hours of instruction for the following types of courses or activities:*

(a) For approved study by a group, 3 hours.

(b) For attendance at a meeting or convention of a dental or dental hygiene society, 1 hour for each meeting, but not more than 3 hours, exclusive of hours of continuing education offered in conjunction with the meeting.

(c) For courses completed in the home through correspondence or videocassettes, 6 hours. *For courses completed through home study, on-line, self study, journal study which are taught through correspondence, webinar, CD or DVD, a dentist or dental*

hygienist may not exceed fifty (50%) of the required continuing education credit as set forth in NAC 631.173.

(d) For all other courses conducted by an approved instructor, the number of hours completed by the dentist or dental hygienist.

(e) For approved dental or dental hygiene services provided in approved nonprofit settings, 6 hours, except that not more than 3 hours will be allowed for any day of volunteer services provided.